

DEMOCRATS HERE ARE IN BLUE FUNK

Depression Seizes Local Headquarters With News of Republican Landslide.

COMPLAIN OF LOW FUNDS

Albion Offered by Defeated Party Fail to Dim G. O. P. Enthusiasm.

Democratic statesmen here yesterday were in a blue funk over Maine. In the tremendous Republican majority in the State election they saw the handwriting on the wall, and were correspondingly depressed.

Republicans, on the other hand, were quietly elated over the revelation that the public mind has turned against the Democratic party and what it stands for. Representative Nicholas Longworth declared the Wilson League of Nations was the leading factor in the Democratic defeat.

One of the first results was the withdrawal of Homer S. Cummings from the race for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate in Connecticut.

The former chairman of the National Committee gave as his excuse for withdrawing that his physician had advised him that he was not strong enough to go through a hard campaign.

"Heart failure and Maine," commented A. T. Hart, Republican National Committee member, when told of the Cummings withdrawal.

"Seventy thousand in Maine means 30,000 in Connecticut," declared Col. Thomas W. Miller, chairman of the speakers' bureau in Eastern headquarters with a gleeful grin.

Chairman Hays had no comment on Cummings, but when asked for a further statement on Maine smiled broadly and said:

"The late returns continue to indicate a reasonably satisfactory Republican result."

Then he started West to start things out there.

Democrats Shun Publicity.

At Democratic national headquarters executives kept out of sight to avoid embarrassing questions. The general tenor of statements coming from behind closed doors was that the Democrats had no money, that Maine was a luxury, and they could not afford luxuries this year.

Chairman George White intimated that unless they could gather some more cash somewhere campaign work generally would have to be curtailed in many quarters.

"We welcome interest and understanding," said he, "but pity and even sympathy we do not ask. The Democratic party is too big, its candidates and its issues are too glorious to ask or receive these. If we have to fight barefoot and on empty stomachs, it has been done before and successfully."

Mr. White waxed facetious, saying that a man without money to buy steak and mushrooms had to be content with bacon and beans.

"It costs them tens, maybe hundreds of thousands," declared the chairman, referring to the Republican expenditures, "but my associates and I do not begrudge them a particle of their banquet of joy. Our kingdom is a-coming."

and the crossing of Jordan is near at hand."

"The Maine election did not surprise the Democrats," said Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, "any more than the Texas election will surprise the Republicans."

One of those assigned to whistle to keep the Democrats courage up was Norman E. Mack, national committee-man from this State. He piped merrily: "I attach no significance to the Republicans carrying Maine, but I can see nothing but victory for the Democratic national and State ticket in New York State."

National Issues Decide.

Representative Longworth at Republican national headquarters said: "There is no mistaking the causes which led up to the overwhelming result of the Maine election. During the last week of the campaign I spoke in all four of the Congressional districts, and I am positively sure of my ground when I say that the election was decided on national issues solely. First and foremost of these was the Wilson League of Nations. The President had his wish. A solemn referendum was had in Maine, and the League was repudiated in the ratio of two votes to one."

"It will not do to say that the Democrats did not conduct an active campaign. During the last few weeks the candidate for Vice-President traveled extensively throughout the State, as did a number of Democratic spellbinders, including Secretary Daniels, ex-Secretary McAdoo, Bourke Cockran and a number of Senators and Congressmen. They worked just as hard as the Republicans did."

"The issues, and particularly the Wilson League of Nations, were laid squarely before the voters and they rendered a decision with no misunderstanding of any of the details."

Opposition to Wilsonism.

"The people of Maine were unable to understand that any good reason other than the obstinacy of one man existed why nearly two years after the armistice we should be, technically at least, at war with Germany, and that they should be taxed to pay the expenses of war boards and commissions and countless useless employees, and that the President should continue to possess and exercise autocratic war powers when the nation was no longer under arms."

"They passed judgment too on the wanton and reckless extravagance of this Administration both during and since the war, and the continued playing of favorites, both as to individuals and localities."

"They resented the insinuations conveyed in the speeches of Gov. Cox and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt that the American electorate is a marketable commodity."

"In short the smashing Republican landslide in Maine is a triumph for clean politics over pothouse politics, and for Americanism over internationalism. Maine has proved that the spirit of 1776 still dwells untarnished among her people. That the same spirit in nation wide will be shown in the election to come."

SENATOR SMITH AHEAD.

Takes Early Lead in Runoff Primary in South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 14.—First returns from to-day's runoff Democratic primary, made necessary when Senator E. D. Smith and several candidates for State offices failed to receive a majority at the first primary, showed Senator Smith to be leading in the contest for nomination as United States Senator.

Figures compiled by the Columbia State, including complete returns from ten out of forty-six counties in the State, gave Smith 4,859 and George Warren, his opponent, 3,822.

SCHUYLER LEADING FOR SENATE IN COLORADO

No Opposition to Gov. Shoup for Renomination.

DENVER, Sept. 14.—Karl C. Schuyler of Denver was leading in the Republican contest for nomination for United States Senator in the first returns from to-day's Statewide primary, Samuel D. Nicholson, Leadville and Denver banker, was second.

Figures for the first 25 precincts out of 311 in the city of Denver gave: Nicholson, 1,947; Schuyler, 1,411.

Gov. Oliver H. Shoup was unopposed on the Republican ticket.

The following candidates for Congress were without opposition for renomination in their own parties: First District, William N. Vail, Republican; Second District, Charles B. Timberlake, Republican; Third District, Guy U. Hardy, Republican; Fourth District, Edward T. Taylor, Democrat.

CONGRESS SAFELY FOR G. O. P.

Fess Puts Senate Majority at 10, With at Least 85 in House.

Having his estimate on results of the Maine election, Representative Simon D. Fess of Ohio, chairman of the National Republican Congress Committee, yesterday predicted that the general election would return to Congress a Republican majority in the Senate of at least ten and in the House at least fifty-three.

Mr. Fess compared the Maine vote with that of the 1896 election. He said: "The result in Maine points to Cox as the worst beaten man in the history of elections. His style of campaigning indicates his own fears, as well as the inevitable results of the methods employed. Ohio this year will follow Maine's lead, as she did in 1896."

POINDEXTER SEES PENROSE.

Hopes to Gain Five Senate Seats and Possibly Eight.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14.—United States Senator Miles PoinDEXTER

(Wash.), chairman of the Senatorial campaign committee, visited Senator Boies Penrose here to-day.

PoinDEXTER, who said he was on a "friendly visit," declared that Republican campaign managers expect to gain seats in Idaho, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, California and Oregon. He added there was a possible chance in Oklahoma, Kentucky and Maryland.

Discussing the Maine election Senator Penrose said: "The result was a foregone conclusion" in the opinion of men in touch with the trend of affairs in America. He added that he was gradually gaining strength and said he hoped to take a more active part in the campaign in the near future.

COLLEGE STUDENT INDICTED.

WOODVILLE, N. H., Sept. 14.—Th Grafton county Grand Jury to-day returned an indictment of murder in the first degree against Robert T. Meads of a Orange, Ill., who shot and killed Henry E. Maroney of Medford, Mass., on the eve of commencement exercises at Dartmouth College last June. His trial was set for next Monday.

750,000 WOMEN BARRED.

Burleson Order Said to Keep Them From Politics.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Representative Martin R. Madden of Illinois, issued a statement to-day asserting that 750,000 women relatives of postoffice employees "are shut out from participation in politics by an order instigated by Postmaster-General Burleson."

Representative Madden asserts that the Postmaster-General is responsible for the order of the Civil Service Commission applying to the relatives of Federal employees the rule against participating in politics.

"Surely such an order will be resented by the women of the country," Mr. Madden said.

MOTOR CAR IN FATAL PLUNGE.

Chauffeur Killed and Lieut. John Welles and Wife Injured.

BRIDGEWATER, N. H., Sept. 14.—Rudolph Sommer, a chauffeur, was killed and Lieut. John Welles and Mrs. Welles of New York were injured to-day when their automobile crashed through a fence at the Little Squam Bridge over the Pemigewasset River and plunged down an embankment.

Lieut. Welles suffered possible internal injuries, but Mrs. Welles was said to be only slightly injured.

POOR LADS BEST WAR HEROES.

Legion Chapter Assails Baker for Freeing Pacifists.

St. Louis, Sept. 14.—At the twenty-second national encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, in session here, the Rev. Francis Kelly of Albany, N. Y., who recently resigned as national chaplain of the American Legion, in an address to-day declared that soldiers of poor parentage did the most heroic work in the great war.

He assailed the War Department for liberating convicted conscientious objectors with honorable discharges and back pay.

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